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SUNDAY, July 4th, the pastor will preach a sermon in the morning on Good Citizenship. We hope every member of the church may be at this service.

MRS. ZARTMAN will give a missionary tea at the parsonage, Wednesday evening, June 23rd. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 8:00 P. M. All the members and friends of the church are invited.

## PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN'S DAY, JUNE 20.

### MORNING SERVICE 10:30.

Hymn No. 44.....Congregation  
Prayer.....Pastor  
Hymn No. 192.....Congregation  
Twenty-Third Psalm.....Congregation  
Message of Gladness.....Solo and Chorus  
Bible Sermon.....Pastor  
Chorus.....Young People  
Rec. Little Acts of Kindness. Anna Seger  
Rec. Varied Voices. ....Tillie Schaefer  
Be Careful—Chorus.....Boys  
Rec. A Fairy.....Mabel Smith  
Rec. The Rose's Mission. Estella Bottger

### OFFERINGS.

Hymn No. 22.....Congregation

### BENEDICTION.

### EVENING SERVICES 8 O'CLOCK

Hymn No. 17.....Congregation  
Prayer... Pastor  
Brightly the Sunlight is Gleaming

To Day—Chorus.....Young Ladies  
Rec. Seed Planting.....Clara Altekruise

Rec. Jenny Wren's Children....

.....Churl. Druckenbrod

Rec. A Voice Within....Grace Lonergan

Solo—I Washed My Hands. Estella Bottger

Rec. Two Little Squirrels. Irving Bitner

Rec. The Tone of Voice. Della Masterson

Rec. Flowers and Stars. ....

.....Wilhelmina Saffen

Duet.....Gertie Thompson and

.....Maud Whiteleather

Rec. What they say. Geo. and Leo Saffen

Rec. Two Little Hands.....Clara Shaaf

Rec. Summer.....Elsie Tapp

Be a Golden Sunbeam.....Chorus

Rec. The Owl and Bluebird.....

.....Louis Wilkening

Rec. Consider the Lillies.....

.....Beatrice Benninghoff

Offerings—Dropping the Pennies.

.....Primary School

Open Fair Lilly.....Solo and Quartette

Rec. What a Child Loves.. Evelyn Smith

Only a Little Pansy—Solo.....Elsie Tapp

The Little Bee... Raymond Close

.....and Gretchen Niedheimer

As You Go—Chorus.....Girls

Rec. The Legend of the Rose....

.....Anna Scheffler

A Happy Little Home—Chorus. Little Tots

What the Birds Teach—Solo.. Bessie Tapp

Rec. Service.....Grace Wertman

Duet.....Lillie Close and Lottie Bitner

Duet Mrs. Koehnlein and Lydia Neidhamer

Hymn No. 174.... Congregation

### BENEDICTION.

### HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE.

The pastor ascertained upon a recent Sabbath morning that only a very small proportion of the scholars in the Sabbath-school were in the habit of reading the Bible. Of the children, young people and adults present at the school that morning, there was only one out of every ten who had read the Bible during the week previous. We were not only greatly surprised, but also alarmed at such a neglect of the reading of the Word of God. The scandals, the blood and murder stories in the daily papers are read with a relish every day in the week by the children and adults, but the Word of God is neglected. What is true of the scholars in our Sabbath-school is undoubtedly true of the scholars in many other schools. Such a neglect of the reading and study of the Bible must eventually prove very detrimental to the church—and to the rising generation. Paul says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works." But if the Word of God is not read and studied, how shall it prove profitable for doctrine, and instruction, &c., and how shall it perfect the man of God and furnish him with all good works?

The careful reading and assimilation of the Word of God will develop and perfect the christian character, and make the man of God efficient for service, strong for duty and for conflict. The Word of God is a light for the path, and a lamp for the feet, but how shall it give light for us, if we do not read and study it? The word is the sword of the Spirit, but how shall we use this weapon of warfare if we are not familiar with it? Parents who do not read the Bible to their children, and encourage them to read it for themselves, neglect one of their most sacred duties and they can

only expect that their children will suffer a great loss through their neglect.

The Bible should not only be read, it must be studied if its teachings shall be of any great profit to us. The Bible is a law book. We shall not be able to grasp the full import of the law by a mere reading. David says, the Godly man finds his delight in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night. The Godly man studies his word both for delight and profit. Anything short of a careful study of the word will neither prove a benefit or pleasure to any of God's children.

To study the Bible to the best advantage every child should have its own Bible, and it should not be a child's Bible. It should be a Bible that can be used through a whole lifetime. It should be a teacher's Bible with references, and concordance and maps. Such an outfit may incur a little expense, but what can be of more value to a child than a copy of the Sacred Word? What gift from father and mother that may prove of a greater benefit to the child? Once familiar with your Bible, having your own markings and references, it becomes a treasure for your whole life.

To study the Bible with profit, it must be carefully read and studied each day. The reading of a chapter once a week, or as a leisure moment may give opportunity, will result in but very little profit. This is the method of the careless and indifferent reader, the one who reads the Bible to escape the ignominy of having a dust covered book, or to quiet the prickings of a guilty conscience. How little interest we find in the reading of any book if we only read a page or two a week, and how little benefit we derive from such reading. Is it any wonder that those who read the Bible once a week, or once a month find no interest in the Book, and find no profit in their reading? There is no excuse for such reading. It simply savours after the grossest indifference, and the utter lack of

any love for the Heavenly Father and His Book. Persons who are able to read the daily papers, and have time for a hundred other things each day, could very easily find time sufficient for the study of a portion of God's word if they had any great love for it, and were very much concerned about their growth in grace and in knowledge of the Lord. A profitable study of the Bible will require a daily study, and searching of the Scripture.

The study of the Word should be systematic. The haphazard reading of the Bible is not very helpful. Read the Bible through, or take some book and read it, chapter after chapter. How intensely interesting the Old Book becomes when it is read in this way. It is not the great amount of reading that becomes the most profitable, but the reading that is after some plan, and is understood, and taken into the heart and made a part of life. There are times when it may be profitable to deviate from this plan of systematic reading. If you are in sorrow, read some of the promises in the Book; are you in the midst of great trials and deadly conflicts, read from some of the epistles of Paul. But let the general course of reading always be with some definite plan in view. Either book after book, or following out some line of truth, or promise.

In every home there should be an hour for Bible reading and for prayer. In very many homes there is a systematic reading of the Bible in the morning or evening. But aside of this, each member of the family should do some Bible study for himself.

As you read and study your Bible it will be found helpful for future reference to mark chapters and verses, which contain some special promises, or truths of special interest. A single mark placed in the margin will oftentimes recall a whole train of thought you had in mind when reading the verse or chapter. Children should be encouraged and taught by the parents and teachers how to read and mark their Bibles.

It has seemed to us that in reading the Bible special attention should be given with a view of retaining in the heart as much as possible of the word which is read. The child will not grow up to become a skilled workman unless it is thoroughly furnished with the Word. What a harvest of a holy life there may be assured, if the heart is seeded and rooted with God's Holy Word. Who shall be able to defeat the enemy with the sword of the Spirit unless that sword is held well in the hand, ready for the conflict.

Last, but not least of all, there should be a prayerful study of the Word. Without the guidance of the Holy Spirit we shall not be able to comprehend the mind of God. We need therefore to be much in prayer as we read and study the Word in order that we may understand.

We feel assured that a careful reading and study of the Bible will prove not only profitable but also delightful work to every one. If you have no interest, ascertain the difficulty—surely something is wrong. The heart may be wrong. You may not have the love of God within you, and if not, then surely you will not love the study of His word. But if this be true you have just reasons for alarm and concern about your condition. Ask God to give you another heart, that you may love Him. You may lack interest in the study of the Bible simply because you have never read it with proper care and application. Bring your mind and heart down to the task of a right study, and your interest in the Book will grow.

We have felt anxious to do something to encourage Bible reading among the children in the Sabbath-school, and also among the members of the church. With this purpose in view we have formed a class for Bible reading and studying. Each member is to read one chapter of some book in the Bible each day of the week. The pastor will announce each Sabbath the book and the chapters to be read. The members of the class will all read the same chapter on the same day. A large number have already consented to read the Bible as the pastor may direct. Every member of the church should join this class. The reading is to be done at an hour of the day most convenient to each member of the class.

Read in another column the article *Bible Study*, by Pansy in the *Golden Rule*.



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GET ready for the Young People's Social about July 7th.

MRS KATIE MULLEN, of Andrews, Ind., has been spending a week or more in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Walters on East Lewis St. We were glad to see her at our services on the Sabbath while she was in the city.

IN this issue of the VISITOR you will find the names of the members who recently united with the church. We are glad to welcome such a large number into the fellowship of the church. Go and visit those people at their homes, and make their acquaintance, and do all you can to make them feel at home with us.

REV. J. M. KESSLER, of Mullberry, Ind.; Rev. F. Ware, of Athens, Mich., and Rev. H. S. Bailey, of Centerville, Mich., called to see us since our last issue of the VISITOR. We were very glad to meet these brethren, and to learn of the progress of the work in their respective parishes. The door is always open and we are always glad to meet our ministerial brethren when they come to the city.

## RECENT ACCESSIONS TO THE CHURCH.

Miss Lottie Bitner.....175 E. Lewis St.  
Louis Bercot..... South Hanna St.  
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Ernest Niehof..... 95 Edgewater Ave.  
Ralph Masterson...391 E Washington St.  
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Earl Thompson.....31 E Creighton Ave.  
Miss Cora Doerer.....E. Washington St  
Louis Martin.....53 Hendricks St.  
Mrs Kittie Martin..... " " "  
Mrs. Anna Tarmon.....212 E. Wayne St.  
Mrs. Ella Majors.....143 Horace St.  
Franklin Segur.....34 Chestnut St  
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Mrs Freda Schaaf.....168 Griffith St.  
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Louis Wilkening...393 E. Washington St.  
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Francis Raymond Tarmon " " "  
Churl Drukenbrod.....33 Madison St.  
Milliard Drukenbrod..... " " "  
Arthur August Fritz.....Goshen Road.  
Edith Leah Mullen.... Andrews, Ind.

THE Violet Guitar and Mandolin Club furnished the music for the Lawn Social at the home of Mr. Vinings. The music was very fine and highly appreciated by everyone. The ladies return a vote of thanks to the young men comprising the club for their kindness.

MR AND MRS JOHN KOEHLIN have recently moved to 358 E. Washington St. Mrs. Koehlein has been very sick, but is able again to be out.

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WE will arrange shortly for a days outing for the Sabbath-school and church at some park or grove. A number of the members have expressed a desire to go out again to Rudisill's Grove, three miles north of the city. This is a very beautiful place to go to spend the day, and is convenient to the city.

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JAMES MAJORS, one of the boys in Mr. Hill's Sabbath-school class, has been very sick with typhoid fever. He is now slowly recovering, but is in a very weakened condition, and it will be sometime before he shall be able to be out again. He has always been very punctual in his attendance at the Sabbath-school, and we have missed him since his illness.

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THE PASTOR and wife in company with Mr. and Mrs. John Beighler, recently spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. F. Shearer, residing nine miles south of the city. The day was beautiful and we had a delightful visit with these friends. In the afternoon we made a short call just across the way, at the home of Mr. Shearer's parents, and in the evening on our way back to the city we stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heiser.

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THE following ladies recently united with the Ladies Society. Mrs. Niehof, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Ed. Seabold, Mrs. Freda Schaaf, Mrs. Anna Tarmon, Mrs. John Bottger, Mrs. Lillie Rogers, Mrs. George Saffen, Mrs. A. Wilkening, Mrs. S. Wertman. There are a number of other ladies of the church who should belong to the society. The meetings of the society are at 2:30 P. M. on the first Thursday of each month.

THE LAWN SOCIAL and Festival given by the 1st section of the ladies of the church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Vining, was a success in every particular. The evening was a little cool, but with all very pleasant. It is certain that the people enjoy going out into the country to attend socials, if we may judge from the crowds that go. Mr. Vining has a beautiful home and large lawn, just the place for a social. The people all had a pleasant time and seem to be anxious to attend some more socials in the country. The net receipts of the social were \$30.60.

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#### MARRIED.

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At the parsonage May 13th, Mr. Charles W. Buck and Mrs. Emily J. Hustin.

At the home of the brides father, near Hadley Station, Mr. William F. Clark and Miss Mary L. Doughman.

We extend to these friends our congratulations and wish them a prosperous and happy future.

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#### BIBLE STUDY.

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I have received a number of letters asking for hints concerning the reading or study of the Bible. I am by no means sure that I have so much as a new thought to offer on this important subject. But old thoughts expressed anew are sometimes helpful.

The first important hint is to do it in some way. By which I mean be sure to have some definite time each day set apart for this study. Many people let days and weeks pass with nothing more than a daily snatch at a crumb from the Bible, because they live busy lives, and have not some distinctly defined period of time in the day's programme where that duty or privilege belongs.

Now as to methods. Perhaps no one way is so entirely the best as to be always adhered to. I have found help in the sug-

gestion often made by Bible students, to read a book through at a single sitting, as, for instance, the Gospel of Mark, which is not long. By this means one gets a sort of bird's-eye view of the busy three years which the Master spent among us,—such a view as cannot be secured in any other way. I have also been helped by reading the record of his life chronologically, taking some good chronological table and following it carefully in my daily readings, getting the story of the baptism as told by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, writing it out for myself as I read, and putting in all the side-lights as revealed by the different historians.

Bible-marking has been helpful to me. At one time I indulged in it to an extreme, putting in many marks because I found that others did so, though they had no special significance to me. After such an experience, one is tempted to go to the other extreme for a time, and do no marking. The better way is to begin wisely, using only marks that we personally find to be helpful.

I have a friend whose Bible I like to borrow, because every reference to the atoning blood of Christ is underscored in red ink. One sees at a glance how full is the Bible of this great truth. That same Bible has also an underscoring in blue for every promise.

Mr. Moody's book, "Notes from My Bible," is one of the most useful hints as to ways of marking texts.

I have a Bible that is growing every week in helpfulness. It has wide margins, and I carry it to church and religious convocations of every sort. Whenever some grand man or woman quotes a text of Scripture, and makes a striking, illuminating comment thereon, I then and there copy it into my Bible as close to the text quoted as the margin will permit, drawing a line from the comment to the text referred to. It is wonderful how many vivid

sentences one gathers from innumerable sources in the course of the years. It was my privilege to hear Henry Drummond several times, and Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, and Henry Morehouse, and very lately Mr. Meyer. These men have given me portions of almost a new Bible, such floods of light have single sentences let in upon a topic

To study the Bible topically has been to me very helpful and interesting. Take, for instance, the topic of forgiveness. Follow it up through your Bible for days and weeks, marking the connecting links on the margin, and underscoring the phrase if you will. The result will probably be a fuller knowledge of the amount of space given to the subject, and a deeper sense of its personal importance. The same process may be used with the thought of confession, of prayer, and other important themes. The topic of thanksgiving has held me an interested student for several weeks.

I hope that all Endeavorers read Mr. Meyer's "Five Significant Ins," as found in *The Golden Rule* of April 22. It suggests a most fruitful and helpful method of Bible study. Mr. Moody's book, already referred to, gives numerous like studies, many of which might be wisely copied into our Bibles.

I have said nothing about the historical study of the Bible as carried on in well-organized Bible classes to-day. The young Christian who is within reach of these classes ought by all means to join it. Also, the studies prepared by the American Institute of Sacred Literature, whose headquarters are at Hyde Park, Chicago, are most helpful, and are within reach of those who must study at home, and make use of only scraps of time.

Let me close as I commenced, emphasizing the thought that the important thing is to have some method of study and to adhere to it rigidly.—By Pansy in *Golden Rule*.



## TEMPERANCE DAY.

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June 20th will be Temperance Day in Sabbath-school and Young People's Society. We give below some profitable reading from the *Golden Rule*:

What is an American saloon? For what purpose does it exist? By what methods does it accomplish these ends? What is the duty of a Christian concerning it?

The saloon, as we find it in this country, is wholly an American institution. Intoxicating liquors were unknown to the aborigines. The story of the first drink taken by an Indian chief, the consternation of his people when it resulted in a drunken stupor, is full of pathetic interest. Later, noting the baleful influence upon his people, the chief said to his white brother, "You are the cause of all this evil."

The saloon of to-day is a part of an immense, organized system. This system is manipulated by the Beer Brewer's Association and the Whiskey Trust. It has its official organs, its conventions, its officers and rules. For solidarity and vigilance, we have not its equal in any corporation in the country. It is without doubt the most powerful factor in American politics.

The saloon is the avenue by which this organization reaches the people. Its location, equipment, management, and associations are all arranged with the one purpose of enticing and ensnaring the individual, not for his comfort or profit, but to get his money, giving in return not one useful, necessary, or even harmless commodity.

Go to the home of a patron of a bakery and see the rosy children eating their bread and milk. Go to the home of a patron of a dry goods store. The song of the mother is accompanied by the clicking of the machine as the seams of the comfortable clothing are sewed. Go to the home of the patron of the saloon.

No need to describe the scene

This saloon prostitutes manhood, robs humanity of its birthright, rouses sexual passion, benumbs the faculties, curses the individual, ruins the family, destroys the soul. It gives not one compensating good as an offset for this long catalogue of evils.

So well known are these evil results that churches, schoolhouses, and well-to-do residences are carefully guarded from the near

proximity of a saloon. Insurance companies, recognizing these facts, pronounce the saloon an "unsafe risk." Real estate owners require a larger rent if the premises are to be used for saloon purposes. Recently an increase from \$1,500 to \$6,000 was asked.

The utmost vigilance is necessary to prevent law-breaking. For illicit selling saloons have back doors, side doors, apertures, "family entrances." Not uncommonly, saloons have attachments in the rear or up-stairs where merchandise is made of prostitution, and gambling is carried on.

This is the institution that American voters are invited year after year to perpetuate by their ballots, and *they do it*.

By what methods does it accomplish its work? The saloon has endless strategy by which to allure and entrap the unwary and secure patrons. It is one of the well-defined policies to create appetite. Experience has shown that drunkards either die early or become too poor to be supporting customers. It is necessary, therefore, to inveigle youth into taking the first drink. Saloon-keepers learned experimentally, long before scientists proclaimed the fact to the world, that it is the nature of a little alcohol to create a desire for more. They could well afford to invest some capital in the way of free drinks to the end that an appetite may be created that, once created, will pour gold into their coffers. This is the object of free lunches, and of the distribution of fancy bottles tied with ribbon and filled with liquor at fairs.

Saloons are made brilliant with every device for attracting the eye and ear to draw in the uninitiated. Confectionery is manufactured filled with liquor. Agents are sent to the depots to act the part of Mephistopheles to youth arriving in the great city from country homes.

Why does the saloon exist? So far as the saloon-keeper is concerned, it exists for the money that is in it. On the part of the voter, it exists for revenue. It is a co-partnership to ruin humanity for money.—  
By Mrs Susan S Fessenden.

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MRS. TRAXLER now resides in her own home, 21 Elizabeth Street. We wish our ladies would call to see her.

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**PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND  
LEADERS.**

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June 20. Our brother's keeper. Gen. 4:3-16. (A temperance topic.) John Knight.

June 27. How to get Patience and Why. James 5: 7-20. Josephine Zartman.

July 4. Consecrated Patriots, What Will They do? Deut. 32: 1-18. Frank R. Hills.

July 11. Individual Responsibility for the Conversion of the World. Rom. 9: 1-3, 10: 15-15. Lizzie Rudisill.

July 18. Belief in Christ; What is It. What It Does. John 4: 46-53; Acts 16: 25-34. L. W. Hills.

July 25. False Worship and True. Matt. 6: 1-16. Bertha Coba.

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THE Sixteenth International Christian Endeavors Convention will meet in San Francisco, Cal., July 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. *The Golden Rule* will give full reports of the convention.

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MISS IDA MAST, of Bluffton, Ind., recently spent a night at the parsonage. We were sorry she could not tarry with us over Sabbath. We know many of our people would be glad to see her again.

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MONDAY MORNING REVIEW. Mr. Rogers whose wife is a member of Grace Church, will soon begin the publication of a Monday morning paper with the above title. We are able to vouch for the moral and religious tone of the paper and we are certain it will not be anything like the Monday morning paper Fort Wayne had a few years ago. We hope all our families will take the *Review*. The subscription will be 10 cents per month.

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